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PRESS RELEASE

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RE: UNITED STATES v. DUSTIN HURLBURT

Acting United States Attorney Kathleen M. Mehltritt announced that Dustin Hurlburt, 28, of Warsaw, New York, was sentenced today before Chief United States District Judge Richard J. Arcara to 30 months incarceration following his June 22, 2004 plea to one count of mail fraud, in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 1341.

Assistant U.S. Attorney MaryEllen Kresse said that between March 2001 and October 2003, Hurlburt obtained money from several individuals after telling them that he would invest all their money in securities. Ms. Kresse said Hurlburt admitted knowing that his representations to the investors were false in that he intended to use some of the money to pay back previous investors and to pay some of his own personal expenses. As a result of Hurlburt's scheme, the victim investors collectively lost approximately \$970,000. The losses to individual investors ranged from approximately \$3,500 to approximately \$300,000.

The prosecution of Mr. Hurlburt resulted from an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter Ahearn.

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